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HOW TO FIGHT COMMUNISM

From New York Times

The Thomas Committee on Un-American Activities has suspended its inquiry into political opinions in Hollywood. One feels the same sense of relief that one did last August when the Brewster War Investigation Committee's subcommittee also temporarily shut up shop. In each case one had growing doubts as to a species of procedure which denied witnesses—it is hard not to say prisoners—the ordinary democratic rights. In the case of the Thomas committee witnesses were required to state their affiliation or non-affiliation with a designated political party which exists legally in this and other states. Whether or not this party ought to be held legal is another and debatable question. On their refusal they were held in contempt. As far as one can see the same procedure could be applied to members of the press, radio commentators, rank-and-file members of labor unions, physicians, lawyers, scientists and county storekeepers. Most of these make no secret of their political affiliations. But has a Congressional committee a right to inquire into such affiliations in the case of legally recognized parties?

The issue thus raised will soon have to be squarely faced. We cannot penalize a person for his beliefs. We have no right even to make him tell what his beliefs are. We can penalize him only if he breaks a law, as he certainly does if he advocates or plans the forcible overthrow of government or conspires with those who do so advocate or plan. If anybody is doing this the situation calls for Federal inquiry, indictment and punishment, with the rights of the accused protected in the prescribed manner. It calls for due process, which is not allowed in today's Congressional committee rooms. The Thomas committee and others may do well to remember that respect for individual rights and constitutional processes of law is one of the marks which distinguish a democracy from a totalitarian state; and that one of the best ways to fight communism is to show such respect at all times and places—even on Capitol Hill.

Conservative Party calls for a general election in England.

Arab leaders protest date set for partition of Palestine.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND GENERAL de GAULLE

From Winchester Star

A few weeks ago the State Department prepared for the enlightenment of a group of congressmen, leaving for Europe, an estimate of the political situation in France. Discussing General Charles de Gaulle and the party which he leads, called Rally of the French People, the Department declared: "His frankly totalitarian concepts have temporarily alienated organized labor, both Communist and non-Communist. Consequently, his only firm adherents now are the discredited men of the right, and his chances of a successful comeback are considered slight so long as constitutional government prevails in France."

Last week the French elections were held and General de Gaulle's group polled more than 10 per cent of the vote, more than any other party in France. In second place was the Communist Party, with about 30 per cent of the vote.

The State Department's estimate seems to reflect a dislike of General de Gaulle, a dislike to which it may be entitled, but supposedly it was supplying factual material. Prophesying the outcome of an election is a highly hazardous venture, and few would blame the State Department for a reasonably inaccurate guess. But its cocksure dismissal of General de Gaulle as a political dead duck does not enhance its prestige. In fact, it seems to add substance to the belief of those who have felt for sometime that many of our policy-makers, to use a trite expression, are so close to the forest they can't see the trees; or to phrase it differently, are so far removed from the general public that they are out of touch with the hopes and fears of the average citizen.

UNO may set aside debate on the veto right of the big powers, to get early adjournment.

Republicans to press for tax cut.

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International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

By LOUIE D. NEWTON, D.D.

SCRIPTURE: I Peter: Daniel 1.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 24.

A Call to Right Living

Lesson for November 9, 1947

Dr. Newton

SUNDAY'S lesson is based on the First Epistle of Peter and the first chapter of Daniel. It is a temperance lesson. It is suggested that we read the 24th Psalm, in which we find this question, Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? And the answer, He that hath clean hands and a pure heart.

Peter gives us the spiritual basis of temperance. Daniel gives us a shining example of temperance. And the 24th Psalm gives us a dramatic concept of what it means to face God in the right attitude of life.

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How to Grow Strong

OUR doctors tell us how to grow strong, sound bodies. We are to eat the right food, sleep regularly, breathe deeply, etc., etc. Daniel did all of these things, and something more—"Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself." Daniel 1:8.

Daniel was challenged by the prince of the eunuchs. He predicted that Daniel and his companions would become pale and weak if they refrained from eating the king's meat and drinking the king's wine.

Finally he agreed for them to refrain from meat and wine for ten days, and at the end of the ten days, behold, Daniel and his companions appeared fairer and fatter than those who had eaten intemperately.

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Every Youth Must Choose

AS DANIEL chose to grow strong through temperate habits of eating and drinking, so must every youth choose between right living and lustful living. We have laws against drunkenness, for example, but legislation alone cannot produce a generation of temperate young men and women. Each boy and each girl must choose for himself and herself between temperance and intemperance.

And this lesson sets out the ways by which such choices can be made and sustained. I find a helpful word in I Corinthians 10: 31: "Whether, therefore, ye eat or drink or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God."

As we make the choice between drunkenness and sobriety, let us remember that we are choosing between God and Satan—between the example of honorable parents and the example of people who have desecrated every sanctity. This lesson is a call to right living.

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Disciplined Lives

WHICH calls into mind a word that we have not always treated fairly. I am thinking of the word "discipline." Too often we have regarded this word as something very austere, when, as a matter of fact, it is one of the really fine words of our language. It means "one taught." It is the word which, with slight difference in spelling, gives us "disciple."

The immediate followers of Jesus were called disciples. They were young men, gathered up from the everyday pursuits of life. Most of them were fishermen—men who faced hardships every night as they confronted wind and wave. And yet these rough and tumble fishermen became "the taught" ones of Jesus. They yielded to his discipline. They were pupils in the school of Christ.

That is what this lesson is aiming at—to enlist many, many pupils in the school of Christ.

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The Test of Time

MAKE this test in your community, whether you live in the city or in the country. Look at the lives of the men and women about you, and draw your own conclusions regarding the worth of temperate living. Study the lives of the drunkards against the lives of the men and women who have refrained from strong drink. Study the lives of the gamblers and see if they have really won.

I appeal to the verdict of history—the test of time. Not only in the case of Daniel, but in the lives of the men and women in every community in America is daily borne out the truth of Sunday's lesson—that God giveth us richly all things to enjoy, but we must use his gifts with disciplined minds.

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STEEL FORGES ANOTHER LINK

From Petersburg Progress - Index

As forecast, the United States Steel and Bethlehem Steel Corporations have increased the price of their product to a figure which will take out of the pockets of consumers more than $300 million. Steel being basic to practically all manufactured goods, especially automobiles, machinery and modern household appliances, the public is in for another mauling.

Thus the steel makers have forged a new and stronger link in the endless chain which is dragging the nation deeper into inflation. When the steel corporations were permitted to boost the price of their goods some months ago to cover increased production cost, including higher wages, it was reported on the floor of the House they were making more money than ever before in the history of the industry. If that is the case, the necessity for the latest increase is questionable.

In absence of price control the public will have to grin and bear it but it would seem the committee named by Congress to inquire into the price and cost-of-living situation, should sink its probe deep into this cycle of price increases of steel corporations to ascertain whether the policy is justifiable and then lay the facts before the people. They are in danger of being crushed under this avalanche of what appears to be pyramiding production costs.

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Stonewall

Stonewall, Nov. 3.- We are all so sorry to hear that Mrs. J. P. Alvis, Sr. is on the sick list. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. C. T. Drinkard entertained her Sunday School Class on last Sunday for dinner, in honor of her son, Wade's birthday. She has a class of Junior boys at Hebr n Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Routon

Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Lee Wheeler in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

Rev. W. M. Black of Pamplin, preached a good sermon at Hebron Baptist Church last Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He was the dinner guest of J. O. Davidson and family.

Miss Alva Moore, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beard had as their dinner guests last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence, and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick.

The following ladies attended the demonstration meeting at Mrs. Clayton Drinkard's last Thursday: Mrs. B. G. Anderson, Mrs. Wallace Bondurant, Mrs. P. H. Stratton, Miss Edna Adcock, Mrs. C. D. and Mrs. C. L. Carson, Mrs. R. H. Routon, and Mrs. E. L. Chick.

Mrs. Parks Jennings spent most of last week with her brother, Dr. D. A. Christian and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard and family spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Drinkard at Oakville.

C. D. Drinkard had a corn shucking last Friday night.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Nov. 4.- The group of the Evergreen Baptist Training was invited to a Lynchburg Baptist Church last Sunday night and gave a program on "Counting Our Blessings." Those who went and took part were: Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Carter, Mrs. Earl Harris, Bob Harris, Jay Stewart, Burks Paulette, Misses Doris Garrett, Carrie Hodge, Gwendolyn Paulette, Lindy Warriner, Eulalia Glover, Phyllis and Jean LeGrand, Phyllis Harvey, Rosa Bell Goins and J. K. Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ferguson, of Baltimore, Md., spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ferguson.

Mrs. Carl Womack, who has been ill, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ferguson and Mrs. Oscar Sinclair, all of Lynchburg, were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Clapp and daughter, of Richmond spent the week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cralle.

We are sorry to hear of the death of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Harvey, of Lynchburg. We extend sympathy to the family.

Mrs. W. R. Cheadle, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. B. Ferguson, returned home Sunday. She was accompanied home by Paul Ferguson and son, Gregory. Al o Warren Driskill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeter Witt Wooldridge, of Covington spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stewart.

Miss Betsy Ferguson was the Friday night supper guest of Misses Eulalia and Elnora Glover.

Miss Madian Lee, of Fort Monroe has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette.

Mrs. G. W. Glover visited Mrs. Green Garrette Sunday P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham were in Lynchburg one day last week, Mr. Cheatham went to see a doctor. He is better at this writing.

Howard Glover, who has been working in Lynchburg spent the week-end with his family here. He returned to work Monday night.

Mrs. C. J. Paulette spent Monday night in Lynchburg with her sister, Mrs. Cecil Lerner.

Mrs. A. B. Ferguson seems better at this writing.

Hallowe'en passed off very quietly around here. The party given at the school proved to be lots of fun and excitment for all.

Oakville

Oakville, Nov. 4.- We are glad that Mrs. T. L. Page is able to be at home again.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore Sunday were Mrs. C. E. Wilkerson, Mrs. Della Doss, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson, Miss Thelma Doss and Ryland Doss.

Mrs. Hugh Sanders, of Richmond visited relatives here last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Doss, Miss Oteria Doss and Bob Rogers visited in the home of Mrs. Daisy Rogers Sunday.

Miss Myrtice Dinkins, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. B. C. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hawley and daughters, Lillian, and Lewis Gibbs, all of Richmond, visited in the home of R. E. Smith last week-end.

Mesdames J. R. Bigham and Gladys Woodson visited Mrs. Tom Moore Monday afternoon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bryant near Vera, a baby boy.

Little Harry Durie, who has been ill, is improving.

John Durie and Miss Margaret Reid were married by Rev. Redding at Appomattox October 19th.

Soviet bloc in UN says United States seeking to table the Korean issue.

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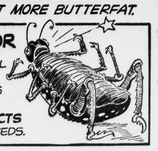

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